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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3582

INFO AMCONSUL ASMARA

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY PARIS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR PINS SOPN ET FR

SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF RESIDENT AFP BUREAU CHIEF

REF: ADDIS 2798 NOTAL

1. JEAN MARIE BLIN, RESIDENT BUREAU CHIEF, AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE, WAS NOTIFIED OF HIS EXPULSION MARCH 7 AND GIVEN 17 HOURS TO LEAVE ETHIOPIA. WE UNDERSTAND HE DEPARTED MARCH 8.
2. BACKGROUND TO EXPULSION ORDER IN REFTEL.
3. BLIN HAS LONG BEEN UNHAPPY WITH DIRG'S PRESS AND INFORMATION POLICIES AND ITS PROPENSITIES FOR EXACTING ADHERENCE TO ITS LINES BY THREATS. HE TOLD EMBOFF SHORTLY PRIOR HIS EXPULSION THAT NOT ONLY HAD HIS LIFE BEEN THREATENED, BUT THAT OF HIS WIFE AS WELL AND THAT HE HAD, THEREFORE, SENT HER HOME TO FRANCE.
4. BLIN'S AFB STAFFER IS STILL IN ADDIS AND CURRENTLY EXPECTS TO STAY ON FOR SEVERAL DAYS (WITHOUT FILING) SHILE AFP PARIS

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DECIDES WHETHER TO SEND A REPLACEMENT FOR BLIN. FRENCH EMBASSY

COLLEAGUES OPINED MARCH 9 THAT AFP WOULD DO SO.

5. COMMENT: BLIN WAS APPROACHABLE AND WELL-INTRODUCED HERE.
EMBASSY PARIS MAY WISH TO DEBRIEF HIM AND TO ASCERTAIN AFP'S PLANS.
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